



Fancy Rat

Care Sheet

Caging needed: A 20 Gallon tank or equivalent can house up to 2 rats comfortably. Always size up appropriately if housing more than two rats together. If using a cage type set up, make sure the bars are close enough together so your rats cannot squeeze out.

Bedding: Rats can be stinky. We recommend Carefresh bedding; it is great at absorbing messes and controlling odor. Pine shavings or newspaper can also be used.

Accessories: A water bottle, food dish, running wheel, and hide house are necessary. Add toys, chews, and tunnels for your rats to play with and keep themselves busy.

Diet: Feed a prepared pelletized rat food or lab blocks.

Misc: Female rats can be housed together; males should not be because they tend to fight. Males and females should not be housed together unless for breeding purposes. If fighting occurs, separate immediately.

Average lifespan: 2-3 years

Average size: 9-11 inches long

